

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, ever faithful to his childhood ambition of a career in professional music, Calvin Gilmore turned that dream into reality with the opening of The Carolina Opry on May 2, 1986; and

WHEREAS, sold-out shows soon signaled the success of Calvin Gilmore's Carolina Opry and prompted an expansion of his entertainment empire with additional shows in an award-winning, custom theater and ventures into related fields, including print media, a recording studio, and television; and

WHEREAS, featuring music, comedy, and dance, the family-oriented entertainment attraction has garnered numerous national accolades and is consistently selected as the Best Show in the Grand Strand area; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Carolina Opry, the longest running show in the Southeast.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 31, 2006, as

### CALVIN GILMORE AND THE CAROLINA OPRY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in recognizing this celebrated entertainer for his many contributions to the Palmetto State through his Carolina Opry and as an Ambassador of Country Music.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA